

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COUNCIL

SUMMATION OF MINUTES
TUESDAY AUGUST 7, 2007

I. Introduction and Comments

Members present:

Carl Zager

Suzann Owen

Jesse Strycker

Eric Ost

Others present:

Martin O'Neill, CATS

Justin Goodwin

Public:

II. Approval of Minutes

Busick motioned to approve the June 5, 2007 minutes. Zager moved to approve Strycker seconded. Minutes approved with corrections.
All in favor. 5-0-0.

Old Business

A). Rewriting of the Telecommunications Ordinance

IV. Public Comment

No one from the public was present.

Reports and Announcements

A.) BTC Members

Owen wanted to report on a letter that she received from the FCC that was passed to the TCC through Senator Lugar's office. Owen stated that she went through Senator Lugar's office because she thought that the letter would be taken more seriously. The letter was about the standards on the delivery of cable services being delivered by telephone companies and whether or not the phone companies were following them regarding emergency overrides. The letter also stated that a telephone company that provides video programming pursuant to a Title VI franchise agreement will be subject to the requirements of this title but other telephone companies who are commencing or are preparing to begin a new operation of wire line video distribution systems and are arguing these are not cable television systems and are not subject to Title V of the Telecommunications Act. Owen stated that everything is in serious limbo across the board right now.

Zager stated that when he read the Connecticut decision it stuck him as being disingenuous in that here is a company that has lobbied across the nation to be a cable provider and now the same company is going to court to get itself declared not a cable provider. Ost stated that he thought a federal judge had ruled that AT&T was a cable service provider from a lower court ruling and that the Connecticut Attorney General filed a petition for AT&T to get a cable franchise since UVerse has been deemed a cable service provider. Busick stated that they do have to offer the same things as a cable company offers.

Busick asked if the council wanted to have a work session to address the issues with the IURC. Owen stated that this was a good reason to have a work session and to go over the annual report to get it ready for City Council. The special meeting date is set for August 14 at 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Monroe County Public Library. Busick stated that a news release needs to be done in the newspaper since the public is invited and asked Goodwin to please have the notice put into the newspaper.

B.) CATS

The report is in the official record.

Martin O'Neill presented the July report to the council.

O'Neill stated that they purchased a small HD camera to see how this works with some of their publicly done recordings. Owen asked if they were offering a training program for these new cameras and he stated yes there would be training and that this of no cost to library patrons.

Ost asked O'Neill when CATS paid dues to the alliance but O'Neill was not sure and Ost stated that he would just call them and ask when they received their monies. Busick asked if the TCC was paying money into NATO and Ost stated that he did not get an answer from Rick Dietz when he asked if they did. Busick stated his assumption was they are not since they stopped getting fliers from NATO this year.

C.) WTIU

The report is in the official record.

Phil Meyer only attends every quarter per the new franchise agreement.

D.) Bloomington Digital Underground

No one was present from BDU to present a report.

E.) Insight Communications

The report is in the official record.

No one from Insight was present, per their Governmental relations Wendy Henry is no longer obligated to come to the TCC meetings since the franchise is now a state franchise. Strycker commented on the automated system that Insight has and that if you do not enter your social security it is almost impossible to get through to real live person.

F.) ATT

No one was present from ATT.

III. Old Business

A.) The role of the BTC.

IV. New Business

V. Adjournment

The next official meeting of the Telecommunications Council is tentatively set for Tuesday September 4, 2007 at 7:30 in the Council Chambers.